Committee Room, City Hall,
February 10th, 1920.

THIRD MEETING.

No. 2 COMMITTEE meets in the Committee Room, City Hall, on Tuesday, February 10th, 1920, at 8 p.m.

PRESENT: Aldermen Wilson (Chairman) Seabrook, Drake, Ashton and Wheatcroft and His Worship Mayor Little.

65 MINUTES.

The minutes of the second meeting are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

66 CLOSING OF SALISBURY STREET.

S.Baker submitting application from the Commission of Industries for the closing of Salisbury Street. The new Industries is to employ 300 hands; no street or traffic would be blocked by the closing of this street; no property to the East is affected; and the Company owns the land.

Alderman Drake moves, and it is adopted, that the petition be granted.

67 VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.

His Worship Mayor Little states that Alderman Moorhead's daughter had died that afternoon.

Alderman Drake mobes, and it is adopted, that the Clerk be requested to convey the expression of the Committeess deep sorrow on hearing of Alderman Moorhead's bereavement, and trust that he, Mrs. Moorhead and his son be comforted in their sad sorrow.

68 GARBAGE DEPARTMENT (see par 40)

Dr. Stevenson enclosing clipping from a Toronto newspaper stating that Mr.A.Hodgson had protested against the Garbage Department allowing private Companies to use Garbage in the manufacture of artificial fuel on the grounds that it was against Municipal ownership, and urging that the Department deal with the matter itself.

On account of the absence of the Engineer the matter is laid over for further consideration.

69 RIDOUT STREET BRIDGE (see par 52).

C.C.Moorhead submitting the report of the Committee on Ridout Street Bridge -

Your Committee comprising of His Worship Mayor Little, Alderman Moorhead and the City Engineer, report that we have had an interview with the City Solicitor, respecting the situation of the Ridout Street Bridge. Every phase of the matter was fully gone into. The adverse vote given by the people against the erection of a new Bridge and the position the City Council occupies in regard to the vote being recorded against the by-law at the expenditure named. The City liability concerning the conditions was enquired into as to not making proper provision for public saftey on the highways notwithstanding the adverse vote of the citizens, the City Solicitor presented to us very clearly that it was the duty of Council to see to it that proper provision is made for public safety according to the City Eggineer report the bridge cannot be repaired to carry more than a weight of four tons. The Solicitor advises that in his opinion that the CityEngineer place a sum sufficient for the erection of a new Bridge in the London Bill, asking the Legislature to ratify the amount stated in the application and that debentures be issued covering a term of years for the amount applied for. thThe Solicitor stating that in his opinion thatthe funds for this purpose could not be obtained in any other way.

In answer to a question by Alderman Moorhead asking if the Legislautre failed to ratify the amount applied for, would the City be liable in the event of an accident occuring. In the opinion of the Solicitor the City would be liable.

Alderman Drake moves, and it is adopted, that application be made in the City of London Bill for the issue of $145,000 debentures for the erection of the Ridout Street Bridge.

Alderman Seabrook mobes, and it is adopted, that the Police Commission be asked to place a policeman or detective at the place a couple of days a week to enforce the City by-law respecting the traffic on this bridge.

70 BILL BOARDS.

London Bill Posting Agency - We herein ask permission to re-build sign on West side of Wellington Street near Dundas which was damaged some time ago by the wind. We will erect same in a strong and substantial manner and leave everything satisfactory.

Referred to the Building Inspector for report.

71 PUBLIC UTILITIES ACCOUNT (see par 14).

O.Ellwood Secretary of Public Utilities Commission -

I beg to advise you that at the regular meeting of the public Utilities Commission Jan. 22nd a resolution was adopted that No. 2 Committee of the City Council meet this Commission in reference to disputed accounts for pavement repairs etcetra with a view of arranging an amicable mode of settlement of further accounts.

Kindly advise us when such meeting can be arranged.

Upon motion the Clerk is instructed to advise the Public Utilities Commission of the next meeting of the Committee.

72. WESTERN FAIR WATERING ACCOUNT.

H.A.Brazier stating last year at the request of the Western Fair Board a man and team were supplied for watering the Fair Grounds during Fair week for which they have been billed. The Secretary, however, has written advising me that he does not think that the Association should pay this account ($ 15.80) as they have not heretofore been charged for such work. I beg to ask for your instructions in this matter.

Alderman Drake moves, and it is adopted, that the Western Fair Board be exempted from payment of the account amounting to $15.80, and same charged to Street Watering Account.

73. RIDOUT STREET BREAKWATER.

H.A.Brazier - Ashes have been dumped at the rear of Mrs. Upchurch's property on Ridout Street, for some time past to provide filling behind the new wall constructed by her, but on account of a number of complaints being received in regard thereto I have had to discontinue. I beg to ask your instructions in this matter.

Alderman Seabrook moves, and it is adopted, that the Engineer be instructed to cause ashes to be placed on the breakwater when the direction of the wind would not render same objectionable.

The Committee appeared to think this a matter for the Engineer to correct himself.

74 GARBAGE RATE.

H.A.Brazier - The net cost of collection and disposal of garbage and ashes for the year 1919, including interest on expendirures, was $54,430.70. As the rate last year produced the sum of $3,707.85 more than required, the actual amount to be raised by taxation this year is $50,722.85.

A rate of 1.3 mills will produce as nearly as possible an amount of $50,722.85 of which it is estimated that the property owners will pay $48,134.35 and the City of London $2,588.50.

I beg to recommend that the rate of 1.3 mills be adopted.

The estimated cost of garbage collection for the year 1919 was $49,794.60 as compared with an actual net cost of $52,964.80, exclusive of the sum of $1,475.90 interest charges. This over draft, as in past years, is caused by increase in wages granted after the striking of the estimates.

The following shows the garbage collection and disposal rates since the inauguration of the system in July 1913:-

1913	.80 mills "
1914	11.50 "
1915	1.50 "
1916	1.20 "
1917	1.00 "
1918	1.25 "
1919	1.6 " " "
1920	1.3 " " " "

Note " Collection only from July 7th. to December 31st.
" " If deficit from previous years and interest omitted so as to make comparisons equitable the tax rate would be 1.3 mills.
" " " Omitting surplus of previous year rate would be equal to 1.42 mills.

Alderman Drake, moves, and it is adopted, that a by-law be introduced authorizing the levying the rate 1.3 mills for garbage collection in 1919.

75 STREET CLEANING RATE.

H.A.Brazier - The total cost of street cleaning for the year 1919 including all labor, materials, teaming and interest charges was $ 6,003.86. There was, however, a surplus of $539.10 making a net cost of $5,464.76 to be collected by Local Improvement taxation this year. A rate of 1.1¢ will produce as nearly as possible this amount of which it is estimated that the property owners' will pay $4,098.57 and the Corporation $1,366.19.

I beg to recommend that a rate of 1.1¢ per foot frontage be adopted.

The following statement shows the ralative cost of street cleaning, 1912 to date.

1912	$14,694.81
1913	12,603.91
1914	12,740.35
1915	10,575.93
1916	8,770.70
1917	8,082.10
1918	5,362.44
1919	6,003.86

Alderman Wheatcroft moves, and it is adopted, that a by-law be introduced authorizing the levying of a rate of 1.1¢ per foot frontage street cleaning rate on unpaved streets.

STREET WATERING RATES.

H.A.Brazier - The total cost of street oiling for the year 1919 including all labor, materials, supplies and interest charges was $24,292.35 and the cost of street watering $1,710.93, a total of $26,003.28. There was, however, a surplus of $1,992.89 from the previous year, the net amount to be collected this year is, therefore, $24,010.39. A rate of 7.6¢ per foot frontage for those streets shown on the attached Statement A"A where heavy oil was used, a rate of 4.5¢ per foot frontage for those streets on which light oil was used and shown on the attached Statement"B" and a rate of 8.1¢ per foot frontage where heavy oil and broken stone were used as shown on the attached Statement "C" will produce as nearly as possible the amount of $24,010.39.

I beg to recommend that these rates be adopted.

The following statement shows the raltaive cost of street oiling exclusive of watering, 1914 to date:-

	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919
Length oiled, miles	31.18	33.37	40.45	43.40	44.00	45.93
Area oiled, s.yds.	548765	587312	711902	763800	774400	808163
Quantity oil,gals	162180	135472	153284	148755	163000	189289
Gals. per Mile	5200	4060	3790	3428	3700	4121
Total cost of oiling labor & materials	13074.24	8651.90	16789.77	15548.84	24476.40	24292.35
Total cost of oil	10781.63	6809.26	12937.57	12232.57	20786.84	19362.11
Cost oiling, labor& materials permile	419.30	259.30	415.00	358.20	556.30	328.89
Cost oil, per gall,	6.28¢	5.03¢	8.44¢	8.22¢	13.00¢	10.22¢

Alderman Ashton moves, and it is adopted, that a by-law be introduced authorizing the levying of a rate of 7.6¢ per foot frontage for those streets where heavy oil was used; a rate of 4.5¢ per foot frontage for those streets were light oil was used; and a rate of 8.1¢ per foot frontage where heavy oil and broken stone were used, to pay for street oiling and watering in 1919.

G.T.R.RECLAMATION YARD(see par 10.35).

S.Baker certifying that the G.T.R.should submit an application for the closing of the street, and deposit funds sufficient to pay the expenses thereof. The Solicitor cannot proceed with the preparation of the by-law until this matter had been attended to, and called attention to the outstanding account for taxes on the Dray stand submitted some time ago.

The matter is informally discussed,and the Clerk authorizedto advise the Solicitor that it was the wish of the Committee that the Grand Trunk should not be called upon to pay the expenses of closing the street, provided they deed the land to the City for the opening of Childer Street, and a satisfactory arrangement being made with respect to other matters.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS.

S.Baker certifying that he had received sufficiently signed petitions for the following Local Improvements, viz:-

(a) Sewer on Hyla Street, between Hamilton Road and Trafalgar Street.
(b) Pavement on Regent Street, from Richmond to Waterloo Streets.
(c) Pavement on Ingleside Place, from Ridout Street to End of Street.
(d) Sewer on Hamilton Road, between Egerton Street and Hyla Street.
(e) Curbing on Ingleside Place, from Ridout Street to End of Street.
(g) Sewer on Colborne Street, from Cheapside Street to Victoria Street.

SOLDIERS' AID COMMISSION (see par 9.60).

Mr. Piper reported that he had been stopped making alterations in the basement for the room for the Soldiers' Aid Commission by Mr. Brazier who claimed that he needed the space for payment of City workman.

Alderman Drake moves, and it is adopted, that the Building Inspector be instructed to proceed with the instructions given him at the last Council meeting, and that Engineer Brazier be asked to use one of the other rooms in the basement instead.

FRONT STREET BREAKWATER.

Alderman Wheatcroft called attention to the dangerous condition of the Front Street breakwater.

Upon motion the matter is referred to Alderman Seabrook for report.

SOUTHGATE STREET PAVEMENT.

His Worship Mayor Little called attention to the necessity of paving Southgate Street, between Emery Street and Windsor. A petition had been prepared for a concrete pavement thereon, and a by-law passed.

Alderman Seabrook moves, and it is adopted, that the Engineer be instructed to proceed with the work in this years programme.

ACCOUNTS.

The following accounts being examined, and found correct, are, upon motion, passed for payment, viz:-

Paysheet week ending Feb. 3rd.	$ 1186.39	London Lumber Co.	$ 999.86
Grand Trunk Rly. Crossing Expense	153.27	Public Utioities Com.	17.56
Chantler Bros. Coal.	19.62	W. J. Goodland. Gravel.	6.00
G.N.W. Telegraph Co. Telegram.	.30	James Wright & Co.	24.40
F.W. Farncomb. Services.	21.00	S. Abel. Cleaning -	1.30
Bell Telephone Co.	2.29	Karn Shoe Co. Boots.	145.80
Canadian Oil Co. Oil	44.30	Kings printer.	1.00
C.R. Quick. Gravel.	6.00	Public Utilities Com.	2.00
W.R. Hunter. Salary. Jan. 16-31st.	75.00	L.F. Roberton Salary.	37.50
Paysheet week ending Feb. 3rd.	162.85	Public Utilities Com.	6.45
Bell Telephone Co. Exchange.	5.79	Guardian Assurance Co.	16.66
Paysheet week ending Jan. 27th.	1113.47	Paysheet week Jan27th	187.61
Public Utilities Commission	4.28	Reliance Machine Co.	10.90
Paysheet week ending Feb. 3rd.	989.41	Harold Aikens.	5.50
C.E. Howard. Salary.	52.65	Paysheet.	1515.91
City of London Street Oil.	1750.00	Hayman & Mills -	161.10
Public Utilities Commission	.60	D.H. Gillies & Son.	250.02
Hobbs Hdwe Co. Hardware.	66.32	Paysheet	1572.34
Forest City Laundry. Laundry.	.80	Public Utilities Com.	55.81
Hobbs Hardware Co. Hardware.	71.53	J.A. Brownlee	3.85
Keuffel & Esser Co. Straightedge	23.40	Bell Telephone Co.	.40
Grant Trunk Rly. Charges.	23.85	Paysheet	1041.46
Cleaning Registry Officw.	7.30	Reliance Mach. Wks.	21.97
J. McNamara. Salary.	40.00	Geo. Nixon. Hay.	60.03
W. Capsey. Hay.	102.71	Paysheet.	33.32
R.W. Garrett. Salary.	70.00	E.K. Bragg. Salary.	50.00
W.A. Kilpatrick. Salary.	52.50	W.E. Stephens. Salary.	70.00
W.C. Dodd. Salary.	75.00	Smyth & Son. Hoist.	35.00
W. Capsey. Hay at 29.00	61.91		

Total - $12,515.90

Upon motion the Committee adjourned.

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Chairman.